

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a response to the Office Action of May 19, 2006. Reconsideration of this patent application is requested.

Claims 1-13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24-31, 33, 34, 36-39, and 41 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24-31, 33, 34, 36-39, and 41 are rejected.

Claim 29 is objected to.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 28, 29, and 34 are hereby canceled.

The Claimed Invention

The claimed invention presents a system and method for generation and storage of pressurized hydrogen gas, comprising:

- (a) a hydrogen gas generator which comprises:
a first compartment comprising at least one chemical hydride for irreversibly generating pressurized hydrogen gas by a chemical reaction of the at least one chemical hydride;
- (b) a hydrogen storage canister in fluid communication with the hydrogen gas generator for storing the pressurized hydrogen gas, wherein the hydrogen storage canister comprises at least one metal hydride; and
- (c) at least one hydrogen conditioner in fluid communication with the hydrogen gas generator and the hydrogen storage canister wherein the at least one hydrogen conditioner comprises a vessel which contains one or more desiccant materials.

Amendments to the Specification:

Paragraph [0013] is amended to conform to Claim 1 as filed. No new matter is added by this amendment to the specification.

Amendments to the Claims:

Independent Claim 1 (currently amended) has been amended to incorporate limitations from Claim 2 and Claim 4. No new matter is added by this amendment to the claim.

Claim 5 has been amended to depend from Claim 1 instead of canceled Claim 4. No new matter is added by this amendment to Claim 5.

Claim 8 has been amended to delete ammonia from the Markush list, thereby further narrowing the scope of claim 8. No new matter is added by this amendment to Claim 8.

Claim 30 has been amended to depend from Claim 18 instead of canceled Claim 29. No new matter is added by this amendment to Claim 30.

Claim 33 has been amended to incorporate limitations from Claim 34 and Claim 4. No new matter is added by this amendment to Claim 33.

Claim 36 has been amended to delete ammonia from the Markush list, thereby further narrowing the scope of claim 36. No new matter is added by this amendment to Claim 36.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claim 29, stating:

“There is not antecedent basis in either claim 1 or claim 18 for the “hydrogen conditioner” set forth in applicants’ claim 29. “

Applicants have canceled Claim 29 thereby making Examiner's objection moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

The Examiner has advised Applicants of their obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the Examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicants acknowledge that the subject matter of the claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made.

Claims 1-13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24-31, 33, 34, 36-39, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/0081235 A1 to *Baldwin et al.* in view of U.S. Patent 4,489,564 to Hausler et al.

The Examiner states:

“The difference between the applicants’ claims and the Baldwin et al. reference is that applicants’ claims 1, 15, 26, 27 and 33 set forth that the hydrogen storage canister comprises a metal hydride.

U.S. Patent 4,489,564 to Hausler reports the use of a hydride storage canister for hydrogen (please see col. 1 lines 6-8). The storage material within the canister may be a metal alloy containing titanium, zirconium, chromium and manganese which evidently react with the gaseous hydrogen inserted into the canister to form metal hydrides (please see col. 12 lines 10-22). The Hausler patent reports the advantages of the canister as being able to store hydrogen in the metal hydride form without problems, safely and in a small space (please see col. 1 lines 14-26).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the process and apparatus described in the Baldwin et al. reference by substituting the metal hydride hydrogen-storage canister of taught in col. 1 lines 6-22 in U.S. Patent 4,489, 564 in lieu of the “storage tank (7)” described in paragraph no. 0041 in the Baldwin et al. reference, in the manner required by at least applicants’ claims 1, 15, 26, 27, and 33, because of the expected advantages of avoiding problems and storing the hydrogen safely while using only a small space, as suggested by the disclosure set forth in col. 1 lines 13-16 in U.S. Patent 4,489,564 to Hausler et al.”

Water (moisture) and other impurities tend to poison metal hydrides.

In paragraph [0034] Myasnikov et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2005/0211573 (prior art of record) states:

"The Ti-Fe alloy system, which has been considered as a typical and superior material of the titanium alloy systems, has the advantages that it is relatively inexpensive and the hydrogen dissociation equilibrium pressure of hydrogen is several atmospheres at room temperature. However, since it requires a high temperature of about 350°C. and a high pressure of over 30 atmospheres for initial hydrogenation. Also, it has a hysteresis problem which hinders the complete release of hydrogen stored therein. The Ti-Fe alloy is also easily poisoned by moisture, which will be present within the heating pack." (*emphasis added*)

Singh et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,686,196, col. 4, lines 37-44 states:

"When metal hydride storage is used in accordance with the present invention, it is preferable to purify the hydrogen stream prior to contact with the metal in order to reduce or eliminate oxygen, carbon dioxide, water, and other constituents which tend to poison the metal hydride. A suitable hydrogen purifier comprises a Pd, Pd-Ag membrane. The hydrogen purifier may significantly prolong the life of the hydrogen storage system." (*emphasis added*)

Baldwin et al. disclose water removal by a condenser and a condenser comprising a dilute sodium hydroxide solution.

Baldwin et al., paragraph [0041] states, in part:

"The generated hydrogen gas, under pressure, flows from the reactor (5) through the check valve (2) into the condenser (6). The other check valve (2) prevents the pressure from forcing gas into the water storage tank (1). In the condenser (6), water is condensed out of the generated hydrogen gas which then passes into the storage tank (7) for eventual use. The stored higher pressure hydrogen is made available through a pressure regulator (8) for distribution to the end use application. The pressure gauges (4) indicate the pressure in both the reactor (5) and the storage tank (7). Condensed water is periodically drained from the condenser (6) through the valve (9). " (*emphasis added*)

Baldwin et al., paragraph [0046] states:

"The chemical container (32) is shown as a cylindrical pressure vessel fitted with a porous sintered metal filter element (30) at the top, and connected to the metering pump (20) through external piping (21). The lower portion of the chemical container is filled with sodium hydroxide pellets (31). The metering pump (20) is connected to the water tank (19). The condenser (24) is a cylindrical pressure vessel connected to the reactor through external piping (10) which extends almost to the bottom of the condenser. It is connected to the pressure regulator (26) output through external piping (25). The lower half of the condenser (24) is filled with a dilute solution of sodium hydroxide (27). Again, other configurations may be used. " (*emphasis added*)

The hydrogen effluent stream from the condensers of Baldwin et al. contains significant water.

A condenser, even at a temperature as low as 1°C, would provide an effluent gas having a water mole fraction of about 0.0065. According to Table 3-5, page 3-45 of Perry's Chemical Engineers' Handbook, 6th Edition, the vapor pressure of water at 1°C is 4.926 mmHg. At 1 atm. (760 mmHg), the mole fraction of water is about 0.0065. Table 3.5 is included in Appendix A.

A condenser having a dilute solution of sodium hydroxide would similarly have a significant water content. According to Table 3-27, page 3-73 of Perry's Chemical Engineers' Handbook, 6th Edition, at a concentration of 10 g. sodium hydroxide in 100 g. water, the partial pressure of water is 16.0 mmHg at 20°C. At 1 atm. (760 mmHg), this translates to a water mole fraction of about 0.021. Table 3-27 is included in Appendix A.

Significant water content in the effluent hydrogen stream, as achieved through the use of the condensers of Baldwin et al., would therefore poison the metal hydride of Hausler et al.

Consequently, one of ordinary skill in the art would not make the combination of Baldwin et al. and Hausler et al.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* obviousness rejection of the independent claims 1 and 33, in view of Baldwin et al. and Hausler et al. and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw such rejection.

Since the independent claims are *per se* nonobvious, the dependent Claims 5-13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24-27, 30, 31, 36-39, and 41 are nonobvious. According to MPEP 2143.03, if an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. 103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* obviousness rejection of Claims 5-13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24-27, 30, 31, 36-39, and 41 in view of Baldwin et al. and Hausler et al. and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw such rejection.

Applicants' claimed invention as amended comprises water removal by use of at least one desiccant material. Desiccant materials provide orders of magnitude lower water content in the effluent stream than the condensers of Baldwin et al. and are therefore not functionally equivalent.

From the Desiccant Selection Guide available on the jtbaker website, www.jtbaker.com, included as Appendix B, the mole fraction of water present in an effluent air stream after passing through a desiccant containing vessel may be calculated. One (1) liter of dry air is about 0.04159 moles. The residual water after passing through the desiccant ranges from 0.001 mg/L for molecular sieve to about 0.25 mg/L for calcium chloride. Calcium sulfate and DRIERITE provide a residual water content of about 0.005 mg/L. A water content of 0.001 mg/L translates to a water mole fraction of about 0.000001. A water content of 0.25 mg/L translates to a water mole fraction of about 0.000334. Hence, one of the least effective desiccants, calcium chloride, provides more than an order of magnitude better water removal than the most effective condenser at 1°C; 0.000334 water mole fraction for calcium chloride versus 0.0065 water mole fraction for the 1°C condenser.

It is therefore evident that the condensers of Baldwin et al. and the hydrogen conditioner with desiccant of the present invention are not equivalent.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has provisionally rejected Claims 1-13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24-31, 33, 34, 36-39 and 41 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of copending Application No. 11-188,465.

The Examiner states:

“A showing that the inventions were commonly owned at the time the invention in this application was made will preclude a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based upon the commonly assigned case as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g), or 35 U.S.C. 102(e) for applications pending on or after December 10, 2004. “

Applicant acknowledges the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

The inventors of the present invention, Graham, Xu, and Meski, having an obligation to assign their patent rights to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. are the same Graham, Xu, and Meski listed as inventors of copending Application No. 11/188,465. Copending Application No. 11/188,465 also lists inventor Horninger, who also has an obligation to assign patent rights to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

The inventions were commonly owned at the time the inventions were made.

The present Application No. 10/712,195 has an earlier filing date than the co-pending Application No. 11/188,465. At this time, no action on the merits has been mailed for the co-pending Application No. 11/188,465.

No further action regarding the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection for the present Application is believed necessary at this time.

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Prior Art of Record, Not Relied Upon by Examiner

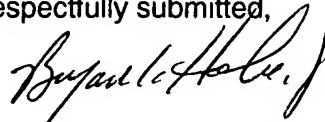
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SUMMARY

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1, 5-13, 15-18, 20, 21, 24-27, 30, 31, 33, 36-39, and 41 and earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance thereof.

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VAPOR PRESSURES OF PURE SUBSTANCES

UNITS CONVERSIONS

For this subsection, the following units conversions are applicable:

$$^{\circ}\text{F} = \%^{\circ}\text{C} + 32$$

To convert millimeters of mercury to pounds-force per square inch, multiply by 0.01934.

TABLE 3-3 Vapor Pressure of Water Ice from -15 to $0^{\circ}\text{C}^{\circ}$
mmHg

$t, ^{\circ}\text{C}$	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
-14	1.361	1.348	1.336	1.324	1.312	1.300	1.288	1.276	1.264	1.253
-13	1.490	1.477	1.464	1.450	1.437	1.424	1.411	1.399	1.386	1.373
-12	1.632	1.617	1.602	1.588	1.574	1.559	1.546	1.532	1.518	1.504
-11	1.785	1.769	1.753	1.737	1.722	1.707	1.691	1.676	1.661	1.646
-10	1.950	1.934	1.916	1.899	1.883	1.866	1.849	1.833	1.817	1.800
-9	2.131	2.112	2.093	2.075	2.057	2.039	2.021	2.003	1.985	1.968
-8	2.326	2.306	2.285	2.266	2.246	2.226	2.207	2.187	2.168	2.149
-7	2.537	2.515	2.493	2.472	2.450	2.429	2.408	2.387	2.367	2.346
-6	2.765	2.742	2.718	2.695	2.672	2.649	2.626	2.603	2.581	2.559
-5	3.013	2.987	2.962	2.937	2.912	2.887	2.862	2.838	2.813	2.790
-4	3.280	3.252	3.225	3.198	3.171	3.144	3.117	3.091	3.065	3.039
-3	3.568	3.539	3.509	3.480	3.451	3.422	3.393	3.364	3.336	3.308
-2	3.880	3.848	3.816	3.785	3.753	3.722	3.691	3.660	3.630	3.599
-1	4.217	4.182	4.147	4.113	4.079	4.045	4.012	3.979	3.946	3.913
0	4.579	4.542	4.504	4.467	4.431	4.395	4.359	4.323	4.289	4.252

^a For data at $0(0.2)-30(2)-98^{\circ}\text{C}$, see p. 2324, "Handbook of Chemistry and Physics," 40th ed., Chemical Rubber Publishing Co.

TABLE 3-4 Vapor Pressure of Liquid Water from -16 to $0^{\circ}\text{C}^{\circ}$
mmHg

$t, ^{\circ}\text{C}$	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
-15	1.436	1.425	1.414	1.402	1.390	1.379	1.368	1.356	1.345	1.334
-14	1.560	1.547	1.534	1.522	1.511	1.497	1.485	1.472	1.460	1.449
-13	1.691	1.678	1.665	1.651	1.637	1.624	1.611	1.599	1.585	1.572
-12	1.834	1.819	1.804	1.790	1.776	1.761	1.748	1.734	1.720	1.705
-11	1.987	1.971	1.955	1.939	1.924	1.909	1.893	1.878	1.863	1.848
-10	2.149	2.134	2.116	2.099	2.084	2.067	2.050	2.034	2.018	2.001
-9	2.326	2.307	2.289	2.271	2.254	2.236	2.219	2.201	2.184	2.167
-8	2.514	2.495	2.475	2.456	2.437	2.418	2.399	2.380	2.362	2.343
-7	2.715	2.695	2.674	2.654	2.633	2.613	2.593	2.572	2.553	2.533
-6	2.931	2.909	2.887	2.866	2.845	2.822	2.800	2.778	2.757	2.736
-5	3.163	3.139	3.115	3.092	3.069	3.046	3.022	3.000	2.976	2.955
-4	3.410	3.384	3.359	3.334	3.309	3.284	3.259	3.235	3.211	3.187
-3	3.673	3.647	3.620	3.593	3.567	3.540	3.514	3.487	3.461	3.436
-2	3.956	3.927	3.898	3.871	3.841	3.813	3.785	3.757	3.730	3.702
-1	4.258	4.227	4.196	4.165	4.135	4.105	4.075	4.045	4.016	3.986
0	4.579	4.546	4.513	4.480	4.448	4.416	4.385	4.353	4.320	4.289

^a Computed from the above table with the aid of the thermodynamic equation

$$\log_{10} \frac{p_w}{p_i} = -1.1489t - 1.330 \times 10^{-4}t^2 + 9.084 \times 10^{-6}t^3$$

TABLE 3-5 Vapor Pressure of Liquid Water from 0 to $100^{\circ}\text{C}^{\circ}$
mmHg

$t, ^{\circ}\text{C}$	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
0	4.579	4.613	4.647	4.681	4.715	4.750	4.785	4.820	4.855	4.890
1	4.926	4.962	4.998	5.034	5.070	5.107	5.144	5.181	5.219	5.256
2	5.294	5.332	5.370	5.408	5.447	5.486	5.525	5.565	5.605	5.645
3	5.685	5.725	5.766	5.807	5.848	5.889	5.931	5.973	6.015	6.058
4	6.101	6.144	6.187	6.230	6.274	6.318	6.363	6.408	6.453	6.498
5	6.543	6.589	6.635	6.681	6.728	6.775	6.822	6.869	6.917	6.965
6	7.013	7.062	7.111	7.160	7.209	7.259	7.309	7.360	7.411	7.462
7	7.513	7.567	7.617	7.669	7.722	7.775	7.828	7.882	7.936	7.990
8	8.045	8.100	8.155	8.211	8.267	8.323	8.380	8.437	8.494	8.551
9	8.609	8.668	8.727	8.786	8.845	8.905	8.965	9.025	9.086	9.147

^a From the Physikalisch-technische Reichsanstalt, Holborn, Scheel, and Henning, "Wärmetabellen," Friedrich Vieweg & Sohn, Brunswick, 1909. By permission. For data at $50(0.2)-101.8^{\circ}\text{C}$, see "Handbook of Chemistry and Physics," 40th ed., p. 2326, Chemical Rubber Publishing Co. For a tabulation of temperature for pressures $700(1779)$ mm. Hg, see Atack, "Handbook of Chemical Data," p. 117, Reinhold, New York, 1957. For a tabulation of pressure for $105(5)200(10)370^{\circ}\text{C}$, see Atack, p. 134, and for $100(1)374^{\circ}\text{C}$, see "Handbook of Chemistry and Physics," 40th ed., pp. 2328-2330, Chemical Rubber Publishing Co.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

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TABLE 3-5 Vapor Pressure of Liquid Water from 0 to $100^{\circ}\text{C}^{\circ}$
(Continued)

t, °C.	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
10	9.209	9.21	9.33	9.395	9.458	9.521	9.585	9.649	9.714	9.779
11	9.844	9.910	9.976	10.042	10.109	10.176	10.244	10.312	10.380	10.449
12	10.518	10.588	10.658	10.728	10.799	10.870	10.941	11.013	11.085	11.158
13	11.231	11.305	11.379	11.453	11.528	11.604	11.680	11.756	11.833	11.910
14	11.987	12.065	12.144	12.223	12.302	12.382	12.462	12.543	12.624	12.706
15	12.788	12.870	12.953	13.037	13.121	13.205	13.290	13.375	13.461	13.547
16	13.634	13.721	13.809	13.898	13.987	14.076	14.166	14.256	14.347	14.438
17	14.530	14.622	14.715	14.809	14.903	14.997	15.092	15.188	15.284	15.380
18	15.477	15.575	15.673	15.772	15.871	15.971	16.071	16.171	16.272	16.374
19	16.477	16.581	16.685	16.789	16.894	16.999	17.105	17.212	17.319	17.427
20	17.535	17.644	17.753	17.863	17.974	18.085	18.197	18.309	18.422	18.536
21	18.650	18.765	18.880	18.996	19.113	19.231	19.349	19.468	19.587	19.707
22	19.827	19.948	20.070	20.193	20.316	20.440	20.565	20.690	20.815	20.941
23	21.068	21.196	21.324	21.453	21.583	21.714	21.845	21.977	22.110	22.243
24	22.377	22.512	22.648	22.785	22.922	23.060	23.198	23.337	23.476	23.616
25	23.756	23.897	24.039	24.182	24.326	24.471	24.617	24.764	24.912	25.060
26	25.209	25.359	25.509	25.660	25.812	25.964	26.117	26.271	26.426	26.582
27	26.739	26.897	27.055	27.214	27.374	27.535	27.696	27.858	28.021	28.185
28	28.349	28.514	28.680	28.847	29.015	29.184	29.354	29.525	29.697	29.870
29	30.043	30.217	30.392	30.568	30.745	30.923	31.102	31.281	31.461	31.642
30	31.824	32.007	32.191	32.376	32.561	32.747	32.934	33.122	33.312	33.503
31	33.695	33.888	34.082	34.276	34.471	34.667	34.864	35.062	35.261	35.462
32	35.663	35.865	36.068	36.272	36.477	36.683	36.891	37.099	37.308	37.518
33	37.729	37.942	38.155	38.369	38.584	38.801	39.018	39.237	39.457	39.677
34	39.898	40.121	40.344	40.569	40.796	41.023	41.251	41.480	41.710	41.942
35	42.175	42.409	42.644	42.880	43.117	43.355	43.595	43.836	44.078	44.320
36	44.563	44.808	45.054	45.301	45.549	45.799	46.050	46.302	46.556	46.811
37	47.067	47.324	47.582	47.841	48.102	48.364	48.627	48.891	49.157	49.424
38	49.692	49.961	50.231	50.502	50.774	51.048	51.323	51.600	51.879	52.160
39	52.442	52.725	53.009	53.294	53.580	53.867	54.156	54.446	54.737	55.030
40	55.324	55.611	55.901	56.192	56.485	56.780	57.077	57.375	57.675	57.977
41	58.34	58.65	58.96	59.27	59.58	59.90	60.22	60.54	60.86	61.18
42	61.50	61.82	62.14	62.47	62.80	63.13	63.46	63.79	64.12	64.46
43	64.80	65.14	65.48	65.82	66.16	66.51	66.86	67.21	67.56	67.91
44	68.26	68.61	68.97	69.33	69.69	70.05	70.41	70.77	71.14	71.51
45	71.88	72.25	72.62	72.99	73.36	73.74	74.12	74.50	74.88	75.26
46	75.65	76.04	76.43	76.82	77.21	77.60	78.00	78.40	78.80	79.20
47	79.60	80.00	80.41	80.82	81.23	81.64	82.05	82.46	82.87	83.29
48	83.71	84.13	84.56	84.99	85.42	85.85	86.28	86.71	87.14	87.58
49	88.02	88.46	88.90	89.34	89.79	90.24	90.69	91.14	91.59	92.05
50	92.51	92.97	93.43	93.89	94.35	94.81	95.28	95.74	96.21	96.68
60	149.38	156.43	163.77	171.38	179.31	187.54	196.09	204.96	214.17	223.73
70	233.7	243.9	254.6	265.7	277.2	289.1	301.4	314.1	327.3	341.0
80	355.1	369.7	384.9	400.6	416.8	433.6	450.9	468.7	487.1	506.1
90	525.76	527.76	529.77	531.78	533.80	535.82	537.86	539.90	541.95	544.00
91	546.05	548.11	550.18	552.26	554.35	556.44	558.53	560.64	562.75	564.87
92	566.99	569.12	571.26	573.40	575.55	577.71	579.87	582.04	584.22	586.41
93	588.60	590.80	593.00	595.21	597.43	599.66	601.89	604.13	606.38	608.64
94	610.90	613.17	615.44	617.72	620.01	622.31	624.61	626.92	629.24	631.57
95	633.90	636.24	638.59	640.94	643.30	645.67	648.05	650.43	652.82	655.22
96	657.62	660.03	662.45	664.88	667.31	669.75	672.20	674.66	677.12	679.69
97	682.07	684.55	687.04	689.54	692.05	694.57	697.10	699.63	702.17	704.71
98	707.27	709.83	712.40	714.98	717.56	720.15	722.75	725.36	727.98	730.61
99	733.24	735.88	738.53	741.18	743.85	746.52	749.20	751.89	754.58	757.29
100	760.00	762.72	765.45	768.19	770.93	773.68	776.44	779.22	782.00	784.78
101	787.50	790.23	792.96	795.69	798.42	801.16	803.90	806.65	809.41	812.16

TABLE 3-24 Total Vapor Pressures of Aqueous Solutions of NH_3^a

Pressures are in pounds per square inch absolute

°P.	Molal concentration of ammonia in the solutions in percentages (Weight concentration of ammonia in the solutions in percentages)																					
	0 (0)	5 (4.74)	10 (9.50)	15 (14.29)	20 (19.10)	25 (23.94)	30 (28.81)	35 (33.71)	40 (38.64)	45 (43.59)	50 (48.57)	55 (53.58)	60 (58.62)	65 (63.69)	70 (68.79)	75 (73.91)	80 (79.07)	85 (84.26)	90 (89.47)	95 (94.72)	100 (100.00)	
32	0.09	0.34	0.60	0.97	1.58	2.60	4.20	6.54	9.93	14.18	19.40	25.16	31.62	38.77	42.72	45.94	49.28	52.14	54.90	58.01	62.29	
40	.12	.45	.77	1.24	2.01	3.25	5.21	8.06	12.05	17.20	23.39	30.20	37.20	43.73	49.60	54.43	58.33	61.64	64.78	68.32	73.32	
50	.18	.64	1.05	1.65	2.62	4.29	6.75	10.35	15.34	21.65	29.36	37.54	45.93	53.87	60.87	66.67	71.29	75.25	79.07	83.41	89.19	
60	.26	.86	1.42	2.21	3.51	5.55	8.65	13.22	19.30	27.05	36.26	46.23	56.32	65.90	74.06	80.96	86.49	91.08	95.69	100.66	107.6	
70	.36	1.17	1.84	2.90	4.56	7.13	11.01	16.56	24.05	33.39	44.42	56.44	68.68	79.54	88.92	97.51	104.08	109.60	114.86	120.63	128.8	
80	.51	1.52	2.43	3.76	5.85	9.06	13.86	20.61	29.69	40.96	54.08	68.19	82.55	95.69	107.20	116.54	124.30	130.64	136.40	143.72	153.0	
90	.70	2.02	3.15	4.83	7.43	11.40	17.23	25.48	36.34	49.82	65.32	81.91	98.61	114.02	127.42	138.34	147.15	154.56	161.81	169.76	180.6	
100	.95	2.62	4.05	6.13	9.34	14.22	21.32	31.46	44.12	59.99	78.30	97.68	117.17	135.01	150.87	163.16	173.40	182.10	190.82	199.22	211.9	
110	1.27	3.34	5.14	7.72	11.64	17.58	26.07	37.81	53.16	71.87	93.12	115.7	138.10	158.84	176.54	191.15	203.26	212.88	222.34	232.85	247.0	
120	1.69	4.27	6.46	9.63	14.42	21.54	31.69	45.62	63.59	85.13	110.2	136.2	162.08	185.70	206.29	222.68	237.88	247.88	258.40	270.1	286.4	
130	2.22	5.38	8.07	11.91	17.67	26.20	38.25	54.55	75.55	100.86	129.5	159.	189.00	215.88	239.33	258.40	273.3	286.4	298.67	311.9	330.3	
140	2.89	6.70	9.98	14.63	21.49	31.54	45.73	64.78	89.18	124.15	154.3	185.4	219.28	249.66	276.15	297.81	315.0	329.4	343.2	358.6	379.1	
150	3.72	8.79	12.23	17.81	26.00	37.81	54.43	76.61	104.65	138.1	175.4	214.5	252.65	287.24	317.3	341.7	361.1	377.1	392.8	409.8	432.2	
160	4.74	10.41	14.92	21.51	31.16	45.02	64.25	89.88	122.10	160.2	203.2	249.0	290.18	329.4	363.1	390.2	412.2	430.4	447.8	466.6	492.8	
170	5.99	12.16	18.01	25.87	37.11	53.27	75.55	104.84	141.75	185.1	232.2	283.1	331.7	379.6	413.3	443.7	467.8	488.7	508.2	528.8	558.4	
180	7.51	15.00	21.65	30.86	44.02	62.68	88.17	121.68	163.7	212.6	267.0	323.1	377.1	426.6	468.4	502.4	529.5	552.3				
190	9.34	18.06	25.87	37.60	51.81	73.32	102.56	140.75	188.1	243.3	304.3	367.1	427.7	452.5	528.8							
200	11.53	21.60	30.72	43.14	60.62	85.33	118.68	161.81	215.2	277.0	345.5	415.1	483.0	543.6								
210	14.12	25.61	36.26	50.58	70.72	98.80	136.42	185.10	245.1	314.5	390.7	468.4	542.9									
220	17.19	30.27	42.97	59.00	81.91	113.81	156.41	211.24	278.2	355.1	439.6											
230	20.78	35.99	49.60	68.46	94.43	130.64	178.28	239.70	314.5	400.2	493.4											
240	24.97	41.41	52.57	78.91	108.60	149.20	202.74	270.92	354.1	448.9	552.3											
250	29.83	48.32	66.67	90.74	124.08	169.48	229.62	305.60	397.6	502.4												

* Wilson, *Univ. Ill., Eng. Expt. Sta. Bull.*, 146.

TABLE 3-25 Partial Pressures of H₂O over Aqueous Solutions of Sodium Carbonate

mmHg							
t, °C.	%Na ₂ CO ₃						
	8	5	10	15	20	25	30
0	4.5	4.5					
10	9.2	9.0	8.8				
20	17.5	17.2	16.8	16.3			
30	31.8	31.2	30.4	29.6	28.8	27.8	26.4
40	55.3	54.2	53.0	57.6	50.2	48.4	46.1
50	92.5	90.7	88.7	86.5	84.1	81.2	77.5
60	149.5	146.5	143.5	139.9	136.1	131.6	125.7
70	239.8	235	230.5	225	219	211.5	202.5
80	355.5	348	342	334	325	315	301
90	526.0	516	506	494	482	467	447
100	760.0	746	731	715	697	676	648

TABLE 3-26 Partial Pressures of H₂O and CH₃OH over Aqueous Solutions of Methyl Alcohol*

Mole fraction CH ₃ OH	59.9°C.		Mole fraction CH ₃ OH	59.4°C.	
	P _{H₂O} mm. Hg	P _{CH₃OH} mm. Hg		P _{H₂O} mm. Hg	P _{CH₃OH} mm. Hg
0	54.7	0	0	145.4	0
14.99	39.2	66.1	22.17	106.9	210.1
17.85	38.5	75.5	27.40	102.2	240.2
21.07	37.2	85.2	33.24	96.6	272.1
27.31	35.8	100.6	39.80	91.7	301.9
31.06	34.9	108.8	47.08	84.8	335.6
40.1	32.8	127.7	55.5	76.9	373.7
47.0	31.5	141.6	69.2	57.8	439.4
55.8	27.3	153.4	78.5	43.8	486.6
68.9	20.7	186.6	85.9	30.1	526.9
86.0	10.1	225.2	100.0	0	609.3
100.0	0	260.7			

* "International Critical Tables," vol. 3, p. 290, McGraw-Hill.

TABLE 3-27 Partial Pressures of H₂O over Aqueous Solutions of Sodium Hydroxide
mmHg

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Drying Agent	Product Number	Size	Suitable for Drying	Not Suitable for Drying	Residual Water mg H ₂ O/L Dried Air	g H ₂ O/g Desiccant	Regeneration	Reaction Mechanism
Aluminum Oxide	0536-01 0536-05	500g 2.5 kg	Hydrocarbons, air, ammonia, argon, helium, nitrogen, oxygen, Freon, H ₂ O, CO ₂ , SO ₂		0.003	0.2	175°C	Chemisorption Adsorption
ANHYDRONE® (Magnesium Perchlorate anhydrous)	0828-01	500 g	Inert gas, air	** Most Organics	0.001	0.2	250°C with Vacuum	Hydration
Barium Oxide	B656-04	125 g	Organic bases, alcohols, aldehydes, amines	Acidic Compounds, CO ₂	0.00065	0.1	Not Recommended	Absorption and Adsorption
Boric Anhydride	1176-01 1176-05	500 g 2.5 kg	Formic Acid			0.8	450°C	
Calcium Chloride (20 Mesh)	1311-01 1311-05	500 g 2.5 kg	Alkyl and Aryl Halides, most esters, saturated and aromatic hydrocarbons, ethers	Alcohols, amines, phenols, aldehydes, amides, amino acids, some esters, ketones	0.14-0.25	0.2 (1H ₂ O) 0.3 (2H ₂ O)	250°C	Hydration
Calcium Chloride (4-8 Mesh)	1313-01 1313-05	500 g 2.5 kg	Alkyl and Aryl Halides, most esters, saturated and aromatic hydrocarbons, ethers	Alcohols, amines, phenols, aldehydes, amides, amino acids, some esters, ketones	0.14-0.25	0.2 (1H ₂ O) 0.3 (2H ₂ O)	250°C	Hydration
Calcium Oxide	1410-01 1410-05	500 g 2.5 kg	Alcohols, amines and ammonia gas	Acidic compounds, esters	0.007	0.3	1000°C	Chemisorption
Calcium Sulfate	1458-01	500 g	Most organic compounds		0.005	0.066	235°C	Absorption

Cupric Sulfate	1850-01 1850-05	500 g 2.5 kg	Esters, alcohols (excellent for benzene and toluene)		1.4	0.6	200°C	
DRIERITE, Regular	L056-07 L056-02	454 g 2.3 kg	Air, industrial gases, refrigerants, organic liquids and solids.		0.005	0.066	210°C for 1 hour	Hydration
DRIERITE, Indicating (4 Mesh)	L057-07 L057-02	454 g 2.3 kg	Air, industrial gases, refrigerants, organic liquids and solids.		0.005	0.066	210°C for 1 hour	Hydration
(8 Mesh)	L058-07 L058-02	454 g 2.3 kg						
(10-20 Mesh)	L059-07	454 g						
Lithium Aluminum Hydride	P403-05	100 g	Aldehydes, ketones, esters, carboxylic acids, peroxides, acid anhydrides, acid chlorides, ethers	Acid and its derivatives, aromatic nitro compounds				
Magnesium Oxide	2476-01	500 g	Hydrocarbons, aldehydes, alcohols, basic gases, amines	Acidic compounds	0.008	0.5	800°C	Hydration
Magnesium Sulfate	2506-01 2506-05	500 G 2.5 kg	Most compounds, Incl. Acids, ketones, aldehydes, esters, nitriles	Acid sensitive compounds	1.0	0.2-0.8	200°C and red heat	Hydration
Molecular Sieve Activated Type 3A 8-12 Mesh	2710-01 2710-05	500 g 2.5 kg	Molecules of diameter >3 angstroms	Molecules of diameter <3 angstroms		0.18	117-260°C	Adsorption
Molecular Sieve Activated 8-12 Mesh Indicating Type 4A	2707-01 2708-01 2708-05	500 g 500 g 2.5 kg	Molecules of diameter >4 angstroms	Molecules of diameter <4 angstroms, Ethanol, H ₂ S, CO ₂ , SO ₂ , C ₂ H ₄ , C ₃ H ₄ , and strong acids	0.001	0.18	250°C	Adsorption
Molecular Sieve Activated (8-12 Mesh) Type 5A	2709-01 2709-05	500g 2.5 kg	Molecules of diameter > 5 angstroms, e.g., branched chain compounds and those having 4 carbon or larger rings	Molecules of diameter <5 angstroms, e.g., butanol, n-C ₄ H ₁₀ to n-C ₂₂ H ₄₆	0.003	0.18	250°C	Adsorption
Phosphoric Acid	0260-01 0260-03	500ml 2.5 L			0.003		Not recommended	Absorption and Solution
Phosphorous Pentoxide	2155-01	500 g	Saturated hydrocarbons, aromatic hydrocarbons, ethers, alkyl halides, aryl halides, nitriles, anhydrides, nitrites, esters	Alcohols, acids, amines, ketones, HF and HCl vapors	3x10 ⁻⁵	0.5	No	Chemisorption leading to H ₃ PO ₄
Potassium Carbonate	3012-01	500 g	Alcohols, nitriles, ketones, esters,	Acids, phenols		0.2	300° C	Hydrate Formation

	3012-05	2.5 kg	amines						
Potassium Hydroxide	3140-01 3140-05 3140-07	500 g 2.5 kg 12 kg	Amines, organic bases	Acids, phenols, esters, amides, acidic gases, aldehydes	0.3	Indeterminate	No	Hydration and Solution Formation	
Silica Gel Indicating 6-16 Mesh	3401-01 3401-05	500 g 2.5 kg	Most organics	HF vapors	0.03	0.2	200-350°C	Adsorption	
Sodium	9410-04 9410-01	113 g 454 g	Saturated and aromatic hydrocarbons, ethers	Acids, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, amines, esters, organic halides, and any substance with high water content			Not Recommended	Leads to NaOH + H ₂	
Sodium Hydroxide Pellets	3722-01 3722-05 3722-07	500 g 2.5 g 12 kg	Amines	Acids, phenols, esters, amides	0.16	Indefinite	Not Recommended	Absorption and Solution Formation	
Sodium Sulfate Anhydrous Granular Powder	3891-01 3891-05 3891-07	500 g 2.5 kg 12 kg	Alkyl halides, aryl halides, aldehydes, ketones, acids		12	1.2	150°C	Hydration	
Sodium Sulfate Anhydrous Powder	3898-01 3898-05 3898-07	500 g 2.5 kg 12 kg	Alkyl halides, aryl halides, aldehydes, ketones, acids		12	1.2	150°C	Hydration	
Sodium Sulfate Anhydrous Granular (12-60 mesh)	3375-01 3375-05 3375-07	500 g 2.5 kg 12 kg	Alkyl halides, aryl halides, aldehydes, ketones, acids		12	1.2	150°C	Hydration	
Sulfuric Acid	9681-01 9681-03	500ml 2.5 L	Inert gases, HCl, Cl ₂ , CO, SO ₂ , air used in desiccators	Too reactive to actually contact organic materials	0.003	Indefinite	No	Hydration	
Zinc Chloride Reagent, Broken Lump	4321-01 4321-05 4321-07	500 g 2.5 kg 12 kg	Hydrocarbons	Ammonia, amines, alcohol	0.9	0.2	110°C	Hydration	

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